



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 3110.22US03

Hochschuler et al.

Confirmation No.: 8076

Application No.: 10/804,955

Examiner: Ann M. Schillinger

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A VERTEBRAL BODY


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of two (2) months (from February 14, 2007, to April 14, 2007) within which to respond to the Office Action dated November 14, 2006, is requested. A check in the amount of \$225 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,


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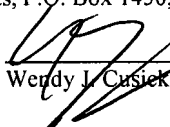
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